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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
George Verlaan et al. ) Examiner:  
 ) Brian Kwon  
Serial No.: 09/770,773 )  
 ) Art Unit: 1614  
Filed: January 26, 2001 )  
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Title: REHYDRATION COMPOSITION )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed March 6, 2003.

**REMARKS**

At page two of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between two groups of inventions, namely claims 33-39 and 44-45, drawn to a process of using a fluid comprising a methyl amine, a flavonolignan, digestible carbohydrates and/or minerals for the treatment or prevention hypohydration (Group I), and claims 40 and 43, drawn to a process of making said fluid

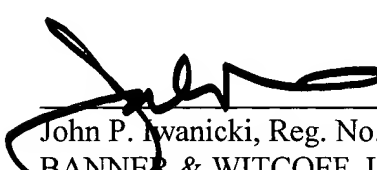
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of Group I claims 33-39 and 44-45 and Group II claims 40 and 43 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 33-39 and 44-45 for prosecution on the merits. Applicants note that the Examiner will also examine claims 1-32 and 41-

42 on the merits along with the elected claims 33-39 and 44-45. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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